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MILK PRODUCTION DECLINES

OKLAHOMA: Milk production for the April-June quarter of 1973 was estimated at 321 million pounds, according to the Oklahoma Crop and Livestock Reporting Service. This is 4 percent less than during the same quarter last year, and 5 percent below the same period in 1971.

There was an average of 132,000 milk cows in Oklahoma during the second quarter, down 6,000 from 1972. Average production per cow for the 3-month period was 809 pounds, about the same as a year earlier. Grains and concentrates fed daily per cow was 14.8 pounds on July 1, compared to 14.0 pounds on July 1, 1972.

UNITED STATES: Milk production in the United States during the second quarter of 1973 totaled 32 billion pounds, down 2 percent from last year. Average number of cows during the period was 11,491,000, compared with 11,727,333 in the second quarter of 1972. Average production per cow, nationwide, was 936.3 pounds, practically unchanged from the average of 936.0 pounds of a year earlier.

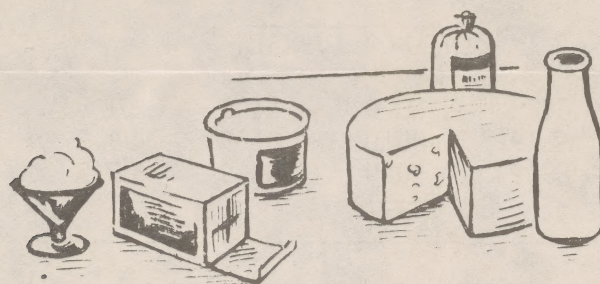
Grains and concentrates fed daily per cow was 12.0 pounds on July 1, compared to 12.1 pounds in 1972. The milk-feed price ratio for June, at 1.21, is 27 percent below the June 1972 ratio.

MILK PRODUCTION ON FARMS, OKLAHOMA AND U. S., SELECTED MONTHS, 1973, WITH COMPARISONS

MONTH	O K L A H O M A				U N I T E D S T A T E S			
	1971	1972	1973	$\frac{1973}{1972}$	1971	1972	1973	$\frac{1973}{1972}$
	- Million Pounds -		Percent		- Million Pounds -		Percent	
January	104	98	95	97	9,573	9,701	9,630	99
February	96	97	89	92	8,994	9,448	9,055	96
March	110	108	102	94	10,220	10,487	10,321	98
April	112	111	106	95	10,423	10,633	10,488	99
May	117	116	110	95	11,159	11,303	11,078	98
June	111	109	105	96	10,815	10,983	10,706	97

MILK PRICE UP, FAT TEST DOWN

Oklahoma milk producers received an average price of \$6.62 per hundredweight for all milk during April, May, and June, compared to \$5.82 per hundredweight during the same period last year. Fluid milk prices averaged 84 cents above last year and manufacturing milk prices averaged 65 cents higher. Milk fat tests for all milk during the second quarter averaged 2 points lower than in the second quarter of 1972.



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OKLAHOMA: PRICES AND FAT CONTENT OF MILK SOLD TO PLANTS

MONTH	Milk Price Per 100 Pounds								
	All Milk			Fluid Milk			Manufacturing Milk		
	1971	1972	1973 1/	1971	1972	1973 1/	1971	1972	1973 1/
- Dollars -									
April	5.95	5.85	6.60	6.15	6.05	6.85	4.50	4.70	5.30
May	5.90	5.80	6.60	6.10	6.00	6.85	4.44	4.65	5.30
June	5.95	5.80	6.65	6.15	6.05	6.90	4.50	4.65	5.35

MILKFAT CONTENT

- Percent -									
April	3.51	3.46	3.49	3.51	3.46	3.49	3.53	3.46	3.47
May	3.45	3.44	3.39	3.45	3.44	3.39	3.45	3.44	3.42
June	3.46	3.42	3.39	3.46	3.41	3.38	3.48	3.44	3.42

1/ Preliminary.

ICE CREAM PRODUCTION CLIMBS - BUTTER DECLINES

Production of ice cream in Oklahoma from January through June was estimated at 3.5 million gallons, 5 percent above the first half of 1972.

Creamery butter production for the first half of 1973 was estimated at 12.3 million pounds, compared to 12.9 million pounds a year ago.

OKLAHOMA: BUTTER AND ICE CREAM PRODUCTION

MONTH	Butter			Ice Cream 1/		
	1971	1972	1973 2/	1971	1972	1973 2/
- Thousand Pounds -				- Thousand Gallons -		
January	2,740	2,215	2,870	337	433	430
February	2,445	2,100	2,180	417	499	505
March	3,009	2,335	1,995	419	582	585
April	2,743	2,120	1,870	456	543	540
May	2,619	2,389	1,940	490	603	690
June	2,069	1,737	1,440	541	684	750

1/ Includes ice cream produced for both wholesale and retail. 2/ Preliminary.



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